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| Activity | Comment |
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| Development of EACFFPC training materials | The first meeting of experts to draft the EACFFPC training materials was convened at Livingstone Hotel in Bagamoyo Tanzania. The meeting brought together 34 experts from the five Revenue Authorities and National Associations of clearing agents in the EAC region. Training materials are being developed in the areas of Customs procedures, Tariff classification, Valuation, Rules of origin, Application of ICT, Port Clearance, and Freight forwarding Operations, Basic management and Ethics and Integrity. The process intends to align the training materials to recently adopted revised EACFFPC training curriculum. The follow up workshop will be at Laico Hotel in Entebbe, Uganda from 3 rd to 7 th September 2012. The workshop is expected to produce draft materials ready for validation by CIC in October |

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| | 2012. The activity is being supported by TMEA. |
| Conduct an audit of the FEAFFA portal | The secretariat finalized the regional audit of the FEAFFA e - portal with visits to all National associations. The exercise identified the challenges that clearing and forwarding agents were experiencing in using the e - portal and recommendations have been made to improve it. They will be presented to TMEA for consideration. The exercise targeted secretariats of the National associations and a few selected members. The e portal is an online trade facilitation tool that seeks the time it takes to access trade information for clearing agents and shippers. |
| Produce the second edition of the East African Freight Forwarders Directory. | FEAFFA finalized engagement of Efman communications to publish the second edition of the East African Freight Forwarders Directory. The firm has enrolled sales agents in Kenya, Uganda and Burundi who are already soliciting for adverts to run in the directory. Plans are underway to secure partners in Tanzania and Rwanda. The directory is expected to be one stop source of information on all clearing agents and other actors in the logistics industry. It is expected to be out by end of the year 2012. |
| Hold a meeting with TMEA to discuss advocacy issues for support | The Federation has been engaging TMEA for support in the area of advocacy. The Federation submitted a list of advocacy issues affecting the industry at regional level upon which a meeting was organized to discuss possible support. The Secretariat has proposed a regional meeting of clearing and forwarding industry to develop concurrence and consolidate the priority issues that will receive the support of TMEA. |
| To develop handbooks for the organizational policy manuals | The Secretariat has developed popular versions of all its policy manuals, which have been adopted for consolidation into one handbook. |
| Develop three position papers on: i. Customs Warehouse rent | The consultants to conduct the studies and produce the position papers were contracted by USAID COMPETE and started their work. Some of the consultants have met the FEAFFA secretariat and agreed on how to proceed with their work. FEAFFA would appreciate meeting all the consultants, |

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| <p>ii. Mutual recognition of Customs agent licenses</p> <p>iii. Self regulation of Customs agents</p> | <p>accompanying them as understudy to ensure quality and also strengthen ownership of the final products. It is also critical that COMPETE reminds the consultants of the timelines for them to deliver in time.</p> |
| <p>Develop border clearance manuals for the key borders in the EAC Region.</p> | <p>This activity is in progress. FEAFFA introduced the consultant to the National associations and expect that work is going on. FEAFFA would appreciate a review of the reporting structure to get the secretariat more involved and if possible accompany the consultants as understudy and also to strengthen ownership of the final products.</p> |
| <p>Develop standard trading conditions (STCs) for freight forwarders</p> | <p>The consultant is already on the ground has submitted the draft STCS. FEAFFA is reviewing the draft with a view to submitting inputs towards finalization of the STCs.</p> |
| <p>Participate in other partners events.</p> | <p>FEAFFA participated in a meeting preparing the Road transporters to form a regional federation in Mombasa on the 31st August 2012 at Continental Hotel. The meeting brought together National Road Transport Associations (NRTAs) and other stakeholders. FEAFFA represented by the Executive Director made an experience sharing presentation titled “Opportunities, Experiences and Challenges of a EA Regional Federation of National Association: A case of FEAFFA”</p> |